

Rebuttal to the Argument Against Proposition 1A

Contrary to misleading claims made by the opponent of 1A, **THIS MEASURE INCREASES FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**

Prop 1A increases local budget accountability by keeping tax dollars close to home, where voters have more control.

Prop 1A will also make the State more accountable by preventing it from taking and using local government funds – except in a fiscal emergency.

FOR YEARS, *THE STATE HAS HAD A BLANK CHECK* to take your local tax dollars. PROP 1A TEARS UP THAT BLANK CHECK and requires the State to live within its means.

The opponent would have you believe the State is in a better position to manage your local tax dollars than your city or county leaders. In fact, over the past decade, cities and counties have tightened their belts, increased accountability, and prioritized spending for essential local services.

Prop 1A does NOT increase local government funding and does not take one dime from schools, state healthcare services, or any other state program or service.

Prop 1A does NOT increase taxes. The measure PROTECTS *EXISTING LOCAL TAX DOLLARS*—WHICH ARE USED TO PROVIDE FIREFIGHTING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY ROOM CARE, PARAMEDIC RESPONSE and other essential local services.

Prop 1A supporters know it's time to end business as usual in Sacramento and stop the State from taking and using local government funds.

Join Governor Schwarzenegger, firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics and taxpayer groups.

PROTECT LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. VOTE YES on 1A.



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